

Appointment of Police Inspectors.

122. *MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether, in making appointments of Police Inspectors, Head Constables are promoted to such places ;

(b) if the answer to part (a) is in the affirmative, the percentage of vacancies filled by such promotion :

(c) if the answer to part (a) is in the affirmative, whether it is the seniority in service as Head Constables, or their efficiency by meritorious service, or their academical qualification that is taken into consideration in giving such promotion ; and

(d) whether the claims of the Head Constables in the general police force, C. I. D., and Traffic Sections are considered in giving such promotions ?

RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*):

(a) Yes.

(b) 25 per cent.

(c) Seniority, efficiency, academical qualifications, conduct and character are all taken into consideration.

(d) Yes ; as far as possible.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know are Head Constables of the second grade promoted as Police Inspectors ?

RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): Yes.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know, are not Head Constables of the first grade more efficient than the Second grade ?

RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): It is a matter of opinion.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know whether the question of efficiency is taken into consideration when promotion to the first grade is made ?

RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): Different cadres require different qualities. One kind of qualification is needed for Inspectors, another set for A. S. Ps. and so on.

PRESIDENT : Different degrees of efficiency are required.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): What are the additional qualifications required for a Police Inspector and for a Head Constable ?

RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): It is a sort of graduated administrative capacity that is required.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Are not these considerations taken into account when promotion to the first grade constable is made ?

PRESIDENT : The official member has already answered that the degree of efficiency varies from grade to grade.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know whether the present Inspector of Perumbavoor was a second grade Head Constable when he was appointed as Inspector ?

RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): At present I do not know who the Inspectors are.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know whether it was the present Commissioner who appointed the present Inspector of Perumbavoor?

RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): It is very difficult to remember which Inspector is where.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know, is the Commissioner aware that there is one Mr. Rama Rao who is acting as Police Inspector?

RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): Yes.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know whether he was a second grade Head Constable before he was promoted as Inspector?

RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): He was acting as an Inspector and may have been a second grade Head Constable prior to that.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know whether the Commissioner has considered the claims of all first grade Head Constables when a second grade Head Constable was promoted to the position of Inspector?

RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): I have already said that promotion depends upon the actual exigencies. At times a second grade Head Constable may have to be immediately put into the place of the first grade not exactly overlooking the claims of seniors. But it all depends upon how you interpret the word 'overlook'. As a matter of fact his claims may not be overlooked, and temporarily at the exigencies of service certain people may have to be overlooked.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know whether the member is aware that there is now acting as Inspector one Mr. Rama Rao?

RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): Yes.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know whether he was not a second grade Head Constable before he was promoted as an acting Inspector?

RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): He may have been a second grade Head Constable.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know whether the Commissioner of Police considers the claims of first grade Head Constables when the second grade Head Constable was promoted as Inspector?

RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): Sir, I have answered that question seven times on the floor of this House. Promotion depends upon merit and service. A second grade Head Constable may be more fitted to an Inspector's place than a first

grade one. So, when the second grade Head Constable is promoted it is not actually by overlooking the claims of the first grade Head Constable. The first grade Head Constable also can become Inspector if he proves that he is fit for the post.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): A point for consideration Sir. I do not want the general policy. I want to know whether in this particular case of appointing a second grade Head Constable, the Commissioner overlooked the claims of first grade Head Constable.

PRESIDENT: In a word, whether the claims of the first grade Head Constable also were considered.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): Yes, Sir. That is what I mean.

RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): A point of order, Sir. Does that question arise at all in the case of specific men and their promotion?

PRESIDENT: This is the first time Mr. Aiyangar, that you raise such a point of order after having had so much experience. The member wants information about a particular appointment you made and it is quite legitimate for him to ask such a question in view of the fact that whenever acting promotions are made they are made both from the second grade and the first grade Constables. Of course you use your own discretion.

RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): I do what is best to be done.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know what were the reasons which weighed with him to over-look the claims of the first grade Head Constables?

PRESIDENT: I don't think that it will be to the interest of the man concerned if questions regarding inefficiency are answered on the floor of this House, and I don't expect the Commissioner to say that A was bad, C was corrupt and so on. It is in the interest of the service itself that no such questions should be asked.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know, what was the special qualification of Mr. Rama Rao to choose him in preference to all the first grade Head Constables?

RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): That is assuming a proposition, Sir. I have not said anywhere that he has been promoted over all the first grade Head Constables. It is an hypothetical question. I don't say that the assumption is wrong but there is nothing to assume.

Resident Medical Officer, General Hospital.

123. *MR. V. T. CHACKO (*Muvattupuzha I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Resident Medical Officer of the General Hospital is allowed to have any private practice;

(b) whether he is in charge of the stock-room of the out-patients' department;